



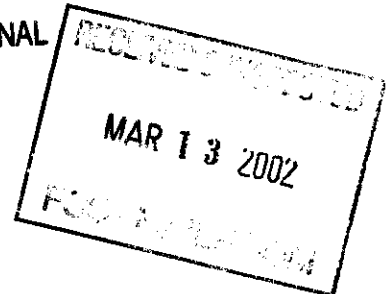
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At Towne Point Apartments, we continue to seek the best possible video services for our residents. Video service that is dependable and affordable is extremely important to our residents. To achieve top flight service for our residents, we enter into agreements with a provider for a limited number of years and we demand that programming options keep pace with choices that are available elsewhere in the Kent County area. It would be unthinkable if our current video provider was legally restricted from being able to obtain programming that our residents want – programming such as HBO, the History Channel, Disney, various sports channels, and a whole host of other programs. Recent mergers and consolidations in the video marketplace make us nervous that the ground could suddenly shift from under a given video provider's ability to obtain many of the popular channels. If our apartment community video provider loses the ability to bring in certain channels while the property a couple of blocks away is able to bring in those channels, then we will be faced with a lot of unhappy residents and our ability to attract and retain residents will suffer greatly.

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Sincerely,

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At West Creek Village Apartments, we continue to seek the best possible video services for our residents. Video service that is dependable and affordable is extremely important to our residents. To achieve top-flight service for our residents, we enter into agreements with a provider for a limited number of years and we demand that programming options keep pace with choices that are available elsewhere in the Cecil County area. It would be unthinkable if our current video provider was legally restricted from being able to obtain programming that our residents want – programming such as HBO, the History Channel, Disney, various sports channels, and a whole host of other programs. Recent mergers and consolidations in the video marketplace make us nervous that the ground could suddenly shift from under a given video provider's ability to obtain many of the popular channels. If our apartment community video provider loses the ability to bring in certain channels while the property a couple of blocks away is able to bring in those channels, then we will be faced with a lot of unhappy residents and our ability to attract and retain residents will suffer greatly.

Please continue the current ban on exclusive programming contracts.

Sincerely,

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